



## The Edinburgh Tattoo

An amazing spectacle and one of the highlights of the Edinburgh-Glasgow mini-holiday

## *Greetings from Your Chairman*

Now that autumn is upon us I hope you had a great summer and enjoyed some good holidays, either at home in the UK or overseas. You can't beat travelling in my book. I managed to get to sunny Menorca and some different parts of the USA that I'd not previously visited, as well as returning to some that I last saw some 37 years ago. I even fitted in a helicopter flight over the Grand Canyon in Arizona. It's always good to have something to look back on especially when the weather was good and warm. I've now got several hours of video to edit down to a more manageable memory. Wish me luck! Let's hope that our winter is not too bad this year and that when Christmas comes – only 68 days to go – we all have a good time. Take care in the meantime.

Alaister Macrae

Bramhall U3A Tablecloth - If you have not already signed the tablecloth that is on the front table at all meetings, then please do so at the end of next meeting. The Embroidery Group will then stitch over your signature.

Dorothy Chesterman

## Christmas Party

A reminder that this year's Party will be on Friday 14th December (2.00pm – 4.00pm) at The United Reform Church. Tickets will be priced at £6.50 and will be available at the November meeting or through your Group Co-ordinators.

Lots of new, or nearly new, Tombola prizes will be required, so please bring them to the next meeting, via your Group Co-Ordinator or contact Bob Dumbarton or Helen Webster .

### Bramhall U3A Committee

Chair: Alaister Macrae  
 Vice-chair: Peter Webster  
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 Groups: Chris Stubbs  
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Website:  
[www.bramhallu3a.org.uk](http://www.bramhallu3a.org.uk)

Groups Information:  
[groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bramhallu3a.org.uk)

Bramhall U3A meetings:  
 Bramhall URC, Robins Lane,  
 Bramhall. Third Thursday  
 each month at 2pm.

Entrance: £1  
 with membership card

## Meetings & Talks

November 15

Bramhall in old postcards

*Ian Cameron*

*\*December 14 - Christmas Party\**

January 17 2019

Dorothy L Sayers: Playwright,  
 Crime Writer, Theologian and

**'responsible for the fall of  
 Singapore to the Japanese Forces'**

*Rev. Derek Davidson*

February 21

A Pot-Pourri of Piano Music

Jean Braddock

March 21

The Science of Chocolate.

The Food of the Gods.

Dr Diana Leitch

### Adventure Group (SCRUFF)News



This August, 10 members of our SCRUFF group took to Segway Riding in Rushton Spencer. We all had a great time with only a couple of falls, but thankfully no injuries. Although there was some trepidation during the instruction period, it wasn't long before we were all 'going for it' on the course. Jennefer Richmond

## Walks 2018

*Wednesday 18 October*

Teggs Nose

4.5 miles

Mod+

Tricia Canning

*Thursday 8 November*

Sale Water Park

5 miles

EASY

Bob Dumbarton

*Wednesday 28 November*

Lyme Park

5 miles

EASY+

Keith Mant

December - No Walks

*EASY: A flat walk with no hills or ascents/descents*

*EASY+: Flat with a few very short ascents and descents.*

*MOD: Generally a flat walk with the occasional ascent or descent which will not be severe.*

*MOD+: A walk with a number of ascents and descents, some of which may be long. (15 mins+)*

*HARD: A walk with one or more ascents and descents which will be severe and long in duration (30mins+)*



Another highlight from the Scotland mini-holiday. The KELPIES (situated just outside Falkirk) are the world's largest horse sculpture at 30 metres high and we were allowed to tour inside one of the structures.



, one of our nominated Charities, has a wish list: Tinned meats for sandwiches, tinned meats for soups, vegetable and meat soups, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, pie fillings (sweet and savoury), any pickle, sugar (granulated and caster), tinned rice pudding, custard, biscuits (sweet and savoury), shower gel and liquid soap, shaving foam/disposable razors, deodorant (Roll-on, NOT aerosol), tea, coffee, cordial, mayonnaise.

*They have adequate stocks for next year of : Baked beans, kidney beans, chick peas, grapefruit, prunes, tinned tomatoes, sweet corn, tinned salmon, marmalade/jam, tinned spaghetti, pasta and rice. Helen Webster*



Our visit to Llangollen was a great success. We filled the canal boat and admired the scenery as we glided alongside the footpath. The picture shows us on the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct which crosses the River Dee at a height of 38m (notice the concerned faces!). The Aqueduct was designed by Thomas Telford and William Jessop and opened in 1805.

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Both of these Policies have been updated and can be viewed on our Website under 'Our U3A' then 'About Us'

## Outings

Date	<b>Outings - Events open for booking</b> <b>Outings Coordinators: Chris Hollingsworth &amp; Val Graham</b>	Price
Frid 11 Jan	<b>Rochdale Town Hall</b> (includes lunch)	£24
	<b>Outings – Events on Waiting list</b>	
Wed 21 Nov	<b>Xmas Show-Party</b> (includes Christmas lunch)	£35

On sale today is our first outing for 2019, a visit to Rochdale Town Hall. This fabulous Grade 1 Victorian gothic town hall is renowned worldwide for its unique and detailed architecture. The cost of £24 includes a 2-course lunch, guided tour and organ recital.

Date	<b>Theatre- Events open for booking</b> <b>Theatre Group Contact: Frances Bell</b>	Price
Thur 22 Nov 7.45pm	<b>Two</b> Players Theatre, Cheadle Hulme	£8
	<b>Theatre– Events on Waiting list</b>	
Sun 30 Dec	<b>The Halle Orchestra play Abba</b> At the Bridgewater Hall	£27.50 inc. coach

## 2019 Spring Holiday - (Organiser Gill Moorhouse)

The 2019 Spring Holiday will be to South Wales in May/June and booking will commence in November 2018.

All events can be booked at monthly meetings and via the U3A website, [www.bramhallu3a.org.uk](http://www.bramhallu3a.org.uk). It is always worthwhile to put your name on the waiting list, as we regularly have cancellations.

### Cancellation, Refund and Guest Policies

A full refund will be made if a booking with payment is cancelled by telephone within 7 days of the booking being made.  
In other circumstances, a full or partial refund will only be made if there is a sufficient number of members on the trip to cover the costs.  
A refund of ticket costs can only be made where either the ticket has not yet been purchased or the ticket is sold to another member.  
Refunds - All refunds will be made after the theatre event/outing has taken place.  
Guest policy – Non-members can come on a theatre event/outing as a guest of a member on one occasion only.

### Other Aspects

The costs for theatre events/outings include transport, driver's tip and, where appropriate, tickets.  
The dates for future outings, for which bookings are not yet being taken, are posted on the website under *Dates for your Diary*.

## Groups

## Co-ordinators

## Days/Times

Adventure (S.C.R.U.F.F.)	Jenny Richmond	Monthly - Days/times vary
Art	Chris Stubbs	2nd + 4th Wednesday 10am - 12
Badminton	Phil Kay	Tuesday 1.45 - 3.45pm
Bird Watching	Diana Oldfield	Usually 4th Wednesday
	Paul Carter	@ 9.15am
Books	Dudley Newell	4th Thursday
Bridge Beginners	Peter Levy	Tuesdays 2 - 4pm
Improvers	Ray Lee	Wednesdays 10am - Noon
Café book club 1	Kay Witham	Monthly. Tuesday PM
Café book club 2	Olga Hampson	Monthly. Monday 10.30am
Canasta	Sue Young	1st + 3rd Mondays - 2pm
Card making	Dorothy Chesterman	Alt. Mondays 2 - 4pm
Computers	Paul Ramsden	Phone for information
Creative writing - <i>Open</i>	Pat George	2nd Wednesday 2pm
Cribbage	Val Barker	1st Thursday 7.30pm
Crown green bowling	Gordon & Ruth Kempster	Contact for details
Cycling	Dave Rowell	Typically, one ride per fortnight.
Dining	Vera Moore	Tuesday or Wednesday evenings -
	Jan Boys	4th week of each month
Discussion	A - Dina Levy	4th Monday 2pm
	B - Pat Wright	3rd Friday 2pm
Embroidery - <i>Open</i>	Dorothy Chesterman	2nd Thursday 10am - 12
Family History	A - Diane Bright	Monthly - Wednesday 2pm
	B - Mary Hambleton	Monthly - Wednesday 2pm
	C - Brian Turner	First Thursday 1 - 3pm
	Pamela Roth	4th Wednesday 10.30am
Film & discussion	Vikki Radford	Mondays 09.45 - 10.30
Fitness & flexibility	Kay Witham	Alternate Mondays 2pm
French	Marilyn Hughes	4th Thursday
Gardening	Jean Cox	2nd and 4th Tuesdays 10.30am
German Intermediate	Angela Devaney	Alt Thurs 10 - 12
History	Margaret France	Alt Thurs 10 - 12
	Glenys Steedman	Contact for details
History Visits	Helen Webster	Thursdays 10am
Italian Improvers - <i>Open</i>	Sheila Porter	3rd Tuesday 2pm
Knitting A	Shelagh Lord	1st Thursday 2pm
Knitting B	Chris Chapman	Wednesday 1.30 - 3.30pm
Line Dancing - <i>Open</i>	Val Murray	3rd Monday 2pm
Mapping Bramhall	Jackie Harmer	3rd Friday 10.30am
Music for Pleasure	David Pechey	3rd Monday 2pm
Photography	David Pechey	Mondays and Fridays 10 - 12
Pickleball	Wendy Litchfield	See website for details
Pilates	Olga Hampson	1st Thursday 10am
Play reading	Lynn Whyte	2nd Monday 1.30pm
Poetry	Frances Bell	Monthly first Thursday 8.30 for 9.00pm
Pub Quiz	Lawrence Devaney	Monthly - days and times vary
Real Ale Appreciation	Peter Webster	Contact for details
Real Railways	Mike Hollingsworth	1st Wednesday 2 - 4pm
Science for All	Sheila Bruce-Smith	Every Friday 1.45 - 3.15pm
Scottish country dance - <i>Open</i>	Val Barker	2nd Monday 2 - 4.30
Scrabble	Gillian Rowe	1st + 3rd Mondays 10 - 12
Singing for fun	Diana Blaney	Thursdays 2 - 4pm
Spanish - Intermediate	Janet Smith	Tuesdays 10 - 11.30am
Spanish - Upper Intermediate	Liz Pennington	1st, 2nd + 3rd Wed 10.00 - 12
Table Tennis: Fun for All	Liz Pennington	4th Wednesday 10.30 - 12
Competitive Singles	Joyce Kilgour	1st + 3rd Tuesday 2pm
Ukulele	Ann Gray	
	Alaister Macrae	Alternate Fridays 2pm
Video & Film Making	Bob Dumbarton	See schedule on website
Walking	Jenny Richmond	Bi-monthly - contact for detail
Wine Tasting	Gill Moorhouse	See newsletter and/or website
Holidays		